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Ms. Lisa Stolaruk Chief Reviewer Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463

Amendment to The Ohio Republican State Central and Executive Committee Mid-Year 1995 Report ID # C000162339

Dear Ms. Stolaruk:

To memorialize our discussions concerning the 1995-1996 allocation ratio to be used by the Ohio Republican Party, a question arose concerning whether it was appropriate to include supreme court races in the calculation of the ratio. As you may know, these positions are elected positions in our state.

For clarification, early in 1995 we contacted our then report reviewer and were informed that it was appropriate to include this race in the calculation. At a later date, to be sure the calculation was correct, we contacted our report reviewer and were informed that a new person was assigned to review our reports as the previous reviewer had retired. In discussion with our new reviewer we were informed that it was correct to include the supreme court race in the calculation. The correctness of the calculation was again raised internally in the Party so we recontacted our report reviewer and reconfirmed that the method used to calculate our allocation ratio was correct.

Because of the continuing concern over the allocation ratio calculation, we reviewed the matter with legal counsel at the Republican National Committee and with our local counsel. The result of these efforts determined that the supreme court races should not be included in the calculation which had the result of changing our allocation ratio from 25% to 33%.